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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Petter BRAGD et al.	) Group Art Unit: 3761
Application No.: 09/651,127	) Examiner: J. Webb
Filed: August 30, 2000	) Confirmation No.: 1058
For: ABSORBENT STRUCTURE IN AN ABSORBENT ARTICLE AND A METHOD OF PRODUCING IT	) ) )
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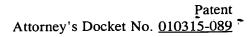
Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated August 5, 2002, please amend the aboveidentified patent application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**:

Please add new claim 17 as follows:

17. (New) An absorbent structure in an absorbent article, the absorbent structure comprising a compressed foam material which expands upon wetting, the foam material comprises a first layer of foram material and a second layer of foram material, wherein the first and second layers have different mean pore sizes, wherein the layers are integrated so that the foam of the first layer partly penetrates into the foam of the second layer so that there is no clear partitioning line between the layers.





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Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.								
[	[ ] A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.							
[ ] A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for [ ] \$55.00 (2814) [ ] \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.								
	Also enclosed is	<u> </u>						
[	[ ] Small entity status is hereby claimed.							
[	[ ] Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [ ] \$375.00 (2801) [ ] \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).							
	[ ] Applicant(s) previously submitted _ requested.	_, on, for which continued examination is						
ĺ	[ ] Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.							
Į.	A Request for Entry and Consideration (146/246) is also enclosed.	of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a)						
[x	] No additional claim fee is required.							

An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below: []

	No. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADDT'L FEE	
Total Claims		MINUS =		× \$18.00 (1202) =		
Independent Claims	<del></del>	MINUS =		× \$84.00 (1201) =		
If Amendment adds mu	ltiple depend	dent claims, add \$28	30.00 (1203)			
Total Amendment Fee						
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[	]	A claim fee in the	amount of \$	_ is enclosed.
[	]	Charge \$	to Deposit Account I	No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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